

1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of
3 the State of Illinois are pleased to honor organizations
4 devoted to the arts; and

5 WHEREAS, The Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra was born in
6 1962 when Dr. Paul Hurwitz began talking to local musicians
7 and believed that the time was right to establish a high
8 quality community orchestra; the Skokie Valley Symphony
9 Orchestral Association was incorporated that year as a
10 not-for-profit corporation in the State of Illinois and is
11 the parent organization of the Symphony; the first conductor
12 was Dr. Leon Stein; and

13 WHEREAS, During the years following, the orchestra became
14 a fine performing ensemble with a reputation that went far
15 beyond the local community and attracted many talented
16 musicians; Daniel Boico, the current conductor and music
17 director, brings an excitement and love of music which both
18 the musicians and audiences respond to with great enthusiasm;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, One goal of the Skokie Valley Symphony
21 Organization has been to encourage young, talented musicians
22 to bring quality classical music to their generation; to
23 accomplish this, in 1980 a Young Artist Competition was begun
24 to select the finest student musicians from a multi-state
25 area; held annually since then, the winners are showcased in
26 one concert each season; and

27 WHEREAS, Natalia Szadkowski and Irene Lee have been
28 selected as the Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra Young Artist
29 Competition winners and will be the featured soloists at The
30 North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie in a
31 concert entitled Around the World on Sunday, January 26;
32 therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
2 NINETY-THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
3 we commend the Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra for its
4 strong commitment to quality classical music and the
5 encouragement of young musicians; and be it further

6 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
7 presented to the Skokie Valley Symphony Orchestra with our
8 best wishes for its continued success.